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Administrator.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Access to Confidential Business Information by Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc.

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA is authorizing Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. to participate in reviews of selected Superfund cost recovery documentation and records management. During the review, the contractor will have access to information which has been submitted to EPA under section 104 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). Some of this information may be claimed or determined to be Confidential Business Information (CBI).

DATES: The contractor (Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc.) will have access to this data five working days from the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Send or deliver, written comments to Veronica Kuczynski, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of the Comptroller (3PM30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Veronica Kuczynski, Office of the Comptroller, (3PM30), 1650 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, Telephone (215) 814-5169.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under EPA Interagency Agreement with General Services Administration, Contract GSOOT96AHD0002, Task Order #19990712, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be conducting an on-site review of the procedures and systems currently in place for compliance with Superfund cost recovery and record keeping requirements in the State of Maryland. This review involves conducting transaction testing to evaluate recipient conformance with applicable regulations and acceptable business practices and documenting findings. The contractor will examine transactions for the following:

(1) Expenditures Review: expenditure documentation such as expense reports,

timesheets, and purchase requests from the point of origination to the point of payment to determine compliance with such requirements as site-specific accounting data, authorizing signature and reconciliation of timesheets to expense reports.

(2) Financial Reports: review financial drawdowns, Financial Status Reports, and internal status reports, to determine if information is consistent between these documents, if recipient is properly using information, and if the reports are submitted when required.

(3) Recordkeeping Procedures: review samples of Superfund documentation to determine the effectiveness of the recipient procedures to manage and reconcile this documentation (focusing on site-specific documentation, retention schedules, and the ability of the recipient to provide EPA with required financial documentation for cost recovery purposes in the specified time frame).

In providing this support, Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., employees may have access to recipient documents which potentially include financial documents submitted under section 104 of CERCLA, some of which may contain information claimed or determined to be CBI.

Pursuant to EPA regulations at 40 CFR part 2, subpart B, EPA has determined that Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc., requires access to CBI to provide the support and services required under the Delivery Order. These regulations provide for five working days notice before contractors are given access to CBI.

Booz-Allen, & Hamilton, Inc. will be required by contract to protect confidential information. These documents are maintained in recipient office and file space.

Dated: February 24, 2000.

Bradley M. Campbell,

Regional Administrator, Region III.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Environmental Impact Statements and Regulations; Availability of EPA Comments

Availability of EPA comments prepared February 14, 2000 Through February 18, 2000 pursuant to the Environmental Review Process (ERP), under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and Section 102(2)(c) of the National

Environmental Policy Act as amended. Requests for copies of EPA comments can be directed to the Office of Federal Activities at (202) 564-7167. An explanation of the ratings assigned to draft environmental impact statements (EISs) was published in FR dated April 9, 1999 (63 FR 17856).

Draft EISs

ERP No. D-AFS-J65310-00 Rating EC2, Dakota Prairie Grasslands, Nebraska National Forest Units and Thunder Basin National Grassland, Land and Resource Management Plans 1999 Revisions, Implementation, MT, NB, WY, ND and SD.

Summary: EPA expressed concern that as the public dialogue takes place on roadless areas that an interim plan be in place that reserves current roadless areas until a plan is in place. EPA requested that a section be added to discuss the government-to-government consultation process with affected Indian Tribes and that stipulations on oil and gas leases require pits to be netted. EPA also suggested that portions of the Little Missouri River that course through the Grasslands be proposed for scenic and/or wild designation.

ERP No. D-AFS-K65224-AZ Rating EC2, Williams Ski Area Expansion on Bill Williams Mountain, Implementation, Special-Use-Permit, Kaibab National Forest, Williams Ranger District, Coconino County, AZ.

Summary: EPA expressed concerns with the potential for the proposed project to impact water and cultural resources. EPA requested that the FEIS more thoroughly address those issues and discuss the consultation process with affected tribes.

ERP No. D-BLM-K39058-CA Rating EO2, Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program, Construction and Operation, Amendment of the California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, Issuance of Right-of-Way Grants and Permits, San Bernardino County, CA.

Summary: EPA objected to the project based on the potential significant impacts and the lack of an air conformity determination. The project would also adversely affect many ephemeral washes and other sensitive habitats, but mitigation measures do not appear sufficient to protect resources. EPA recommended that a draft conformity determination be issued prior to issuance of the FEIS.

ERP No. D-BOP-E80002-SC Rating EC2, South Carolina—Federal Correctional Institution, Construct and Operate, Possible Sites: Andrew, Bennettsville, Oliver and Salters, SC.